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**From Rome the 25. of
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On Saturday being the 25. of
December Anno 1598 there ar-
rived here, the most holy Sacra-
ment from Ferrara, which was
set in the Church of Radona del
popolo: From whence on the
Sunday morning, with a great
solemn procession, it was taken
and carried into S. Peters church,
accompanied with all the Fraternities, Reliques, and
Clergies of the Citty: after them all the officers of
the Chancellerie, the Lordes, Consistorians, Officers,
and other Gentlemen, and the common people of the
Citty, the same ceremonie during five whole houres.
The said Sacrament being come to S. Peters, was there
taken by the Canons, and borne (with the same so-
lemnitie) unto the Altar of the Apostles in the same
Church, where the Cardinall Rusticucci (being there
at that time) took the same, accompanied with many
Cardinals, letting it rest untill night, at what time he
was lighted from thence, and brought into the Cha-
pell of the Pallace, and passing alongst by the Castell
S. Angelo, over the place of S. Peters, all the Ordinance
was joyfully discharged.

A while after these ceremonies, arised about twelue
of clocke, our Lorde the Pope, through the saide gate
Del Popolo, in a Litter, accompanied by the Cardinals
Baronio, Auigorono, Aldobrandino, Cesis, Gaetano, and
Bergese, which were gone to meete him: his Holinesse
comming to the saide gate, descended, and went into the
church Del Popolo, where he did his prayers: which
doone, mounting on Horsebacke, betwene the two
Cardinals, Gaetano and Bergese, followed by the other
foure, together with the Cardinals Bianchetto, Mantica,
S. Iorza and Peretti: In this sorte he rode very state-
lie from thence to S. Peters church, where euery one de-
parted to his home, the people crying for ioye, *Vive*
viua Papa Clement Octauo, and those of the castell of
S. Angelo, did untill one of the clocke in the night, conti-
nually make fyers, and discharged their Ordnance.

The next morrow after, the Pope went to S. Peters
church, with the Cardinals Dazza and Mantica, reading
there a Masse at the Altar of the Apostles, and after
that hauing saide his prayers at Corpora Apostolorum,
he continued the same in seauen olde churches.

The two next ensuing dayes, were employed in
the visitation and congratulation of the Popes re-
turne.

The Wednesday at night (unlooked for) happened
a great overflowing of water, insomuch that one might
haue passed through all the cittie with boates, the which
encreasing untill ten of the clocke in the night the next
daye after, there was not anye place of the Cittie
free; but euery one was besieged and enclosed in his
house, and untill this present day being the 25. of De-
cember; the houses which stand lowest, remaine yet in
the same estate: What sorrow and damage this wa-
ter hath caused, cannot at this time be written, but
shall the next time in a moze ample sorte be declared.

It being such a pittifull thing, that Tygers hearts
would haue bene mooued at it.

By letters from Rome witten to Venice, they write
perticularly that the Tiber vpon that sodaine was ri-
sen aboue the height of a pike, and almost drowned all
the Citty, hauing taken with her all the Gardens,
Bridges, Houses and Milles, with many thousands of
men: insomuch that the losse is esteemed to aboue
foure Millions of Duckets, and that the
Pope therupon had withdrawn
himselfe into the
Castle,

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From Roome the 2. of
January. 1599.



Although that the Tyber by reason of the continuall raine of 5. or 6. daies was not flowed so high as one might haue thought, or therby to haue feared any ouer flowing, yet by the great South winde on the 25. of December was first perceiued, the ouer-flowing of the said Riuier, and that so sodainely that in the euening all the neather part of the Citty was ouer-flown, and at night at 10. of the clocke, it increased so much, that there was no place (the seauen Hilles with some other high places excepting) in the Citty, but a Ship might haue sayld thzough it, farre surpassing all the innundations of the olde times, which may bee remembred by mans memorie, to haue happened here, and especially two spannes higher, then that which happened in Anno 1570. in the time of Pope Clement the 7. the harme which it hath caused is inestimable: insomuch that it may bee said, that thys high flood of the Tyber, hath bene as a destruction or rather a scourge wherewith God hath punished this Citty: for it hath druen away aboue 8. Hilles with men and goods together with the Bridge of S. Mary, with part of the Bridge of Moll, and ruyned that of S. Angelo, as also all the houses, and shops before the Castle were thzowne downe, and druen away.

I let passe yet the innumerable number of houses which fall yet dayly downe, the which thzough want of workmen, cannot be vnderset nor shored. Amongst other particuler losses, is to be esteemed, the Booke-sellers and Druggists, with also all the ware-houses of Wines and Oyles: and mozeouer a great quantity of Graine which is all spoyled: also in the prisons were drowned

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drowned the prisoners, and on the land haue bin drowned many men and beastes, great and small.

This horrible spectacle continued vntill 10. of the clocke on Christmasse day at night, then the water began to deminish, in so much, that by day it was suncke ten spannes, and by reason all the churches stood full of water, no Masse could be Sung. The Pope at the sight hereof wept, causing euery where, great almes to be giuen, the like did the Cardinall Aldobrandino, where by all the other Cardinalls and Barrons were moued to doe the same.

At this time wee were busied to clense our houses of the water, and to repayre and amend what the water hath damaged in new building the houses, which were not wholly throughten downe. We feare greatly that this great moisture, through the infection of the stinke, will cause a great sicknesse and mortallity.

It is reported that the said overflowing, should haue drowned but 1400. men.

We haue writing, that the Citty of Turin (through the middle whereof the said Tyber hath his course) should wholly be drowned.

Wee vnderstand also that the Riuer Pogliana nere Bresate (although but small) should haue been in the like estate, and hath washed away all what was sowed, the same being happened in all other

Riuers in Romagna and
else where in
Italy.

FINIS.